

**EFFECTIVE**

October 1, 2007.

**SUBJECT**

1. Annual federal cost-of-living change.

**1) ANNUAL  
FEDERAL COST-OF-  
LIVING CHANGE****FAP****RFT 250, 255, 260****Cost-of-Living  
Update**

The annual cost-of-living update for FAP heat and utility standards, income limits and benefit issuances runs after the close of business on September 30, 2007.

**Standard  
Allowance  
Decrease**

Due to federal food stamp program regulations, the heat/utility (H/U) standard allowance used in determining food assistance benefits decreased from \$587 to \$529 per month. Additionally, the trash/garbage removal standard allowance decreased from \$16 to \$14 per month.

**Report XF-009**

Report XF-009 will be sent to local offices identifying the cases that were negatively impacted due to the standards update. Clients whose cases closed or benefits were reduced because of the update, received a mailing in September regarding the change.

For your reference, a copy of this mailing is located on the Special Mailings page. This page may be accessed from the Client Inserts/Special Mailings links in two locations:

- DHS-Net under Employee Information.
- OLM News & Tips Web site, in the DHS Links category on the Policy Related Links page.

**LOA2 Updated**

LOA2 is updated to support the cost-of-living changes. Use the old standard amounts for any budgets completed and entered on CIMS prior to the update.

*Reason:* Annual cost-of-living update.

**MANUAL  
MAINTENANCE  
INSTRUCTIONS****Changed Items (content changes) ...**

**RFF 63  
RFF 266  
RFT 250  
RFT 255  
RFT 260**

**Deleted Items ...**

**RFF 277  
RFF 278  
RFF 279  
RFF 281**